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TO: Anesthesiologists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and Hospitals

**SUBJECT: Reimbursement Update
Revision and Clarification of Enrollment Guidelines for Nurse Anesthetists**

Effective with dates of service on or after August 1, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will increase the reimbursement for an Anesthesiologist providing medical direction of a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) from fifty percent to sixty percent of the established reimbursement rate.

DHHS has revised its general guidelines pertaining to the enrollment of CRNAs to reflect a policy that is consistent with the policies and practices of the South Carolina State Board of Nursing. DHHS will allow for the enrollment of a recent graduate of an advanced formal education program for Nurse Anesthetists accredited by the national accrediting organization for up to one year following graduation until certification is acquired. Upon obtaining certification, recent graduates must notify Provider Enrollment to continue practicing as a Medicaid provider. Recent graduates may work independently or under the medical direction of an Anesthesiologist.

CRNAs under medical direction of an Anesthesiologist will be reimbursed at fifty percent of the Anesthesiologist rate. CRNAs working under the medical direction of a surgeon will be reimbursed at ninety percent of the Anesthesiologist reimbursement rate.

Please contact your program manager at (803) 898-2660 if you have questions regarding this policy. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid program.

/s/

Robert M. Kerr
Director

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